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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joseph Chang

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-7 and 9-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: AN OSCILLATOR CIRCUIT HAVING A COPY OF THE ACTIVATING COMPONENT.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-4, 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: the recitation "the copy" lacks an antecedent bases. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakurai, US Patent No. 6,731,182.

Regarding Claims 1, 11, 12, Sakurai discloses in Figure 2 an oscillator circuit comprising an LC resonant circuit (L11,L12,C41,42,C11,C12), an activating component (Q1,Q2) connected to the LC resonant circuit, which serves to compensate for the losses occurring in the LC resonant circuit (intrinsic functionality), whereby the series-

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configuration (upper and lower sections) of both the LC resonant circuit and the activating component, a current-defining element (R3) which connects the LC resonant circuit and the activating component, which sets the current flowing through the activating component, between a first voltage (VCC) and a second voltage (Ground), which is different from the first voltage (VCC), and wherein the current-defining element includes an ohmic resistance (R3) and wherein the oscillator circuit furthermore comprises a control loop circuit (12), which serves to set the current flowing through the activating component (Q1,Q2) to a pre-determined constant value (current flowing in 12).

Regarding Claim 5, Figure 2 shows RC low pass filter (11).

Regarding Claim 6, 10, Circuit in Figure 2 includes R3, which is inherently integrated.

Regarding Claims 7, 11, Sakurai, Col. 7, lines 30-37 teaches MOS FET activating component.

Regarding Claim 9, such functional limitation ($I_{ref} < R1$) is inherently present in the structure.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the best prior art of record, Sakurai, taken alone or in combination of other references, does not teach or fairly suggest a copy of the activating component.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Mason discloses a VCO use of lower supply voltage.

Traub discloses an LC oscillator.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Chang whose telephone number is 571 272-1759. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 0700-1730.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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